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PART I

Punjab Government Notifications and Orders

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

DIRECTORATE OF LOTTERIES

PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 MERCURY SATURDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY SCHEME

NOTIFICATION

The 19th September, 2023

No.42/2(6)/2023/LE-2/2879.-The Governor of Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him under section 4 of "The Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998" read with rule 3 of "The Lotteries (Regulations) Rules 2010" and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, is pleased to promulgate the following scheme to conduct a lottery scheme in the state viz:

1. **THE NAME OF THE LOTTERY SCHEME**

The Scheme shall be called the "Punjab State Dear 10 Mercury Saturday Weekly Lottery Scheme" and the sale of lottery ticket under this scheme shall be marketed in the State of Punjab and other Lottery operating States.

2. **NUMBER OF TICKETS**

The scheme shall have total One Lakh lottery tickets in ten series i.e. 90-99 numbering from 0000 to 9999 each.

3. **TICKET PRICE**

The MRP of a single ticket shall be Rs 10/- (Rupees Ten only) (MRP shall be inclusive of all taxes).

4. **PRIZE STRUCTURE OF THE SCHEME**

The detail of Prizes for Winners and Sellers shall be as under: -

Prize No.	No. of Prize	Winner Prize		Seller prize		Total Amount
		Prize Amount	Total Amount	Prize Amount	Total Amount	
1	2	3		4		5
1 st	10	10,000	1,00,000	500	5,000	1,05,000
2 nd	10	2,000	20,000	200	2,000	22,000
3 rd	100	500	50,000	50	5,000	55,000
4 th	100	200	20,000	20	2,000	22,000
5 th	2,000	100	2,00,000	10	20,000	2,20,000
Total	**2,220**		**3,90,000**		**34,000**	**4,24,000**

** All prizes shall be paid in Indian Currency.

In order to maximize the sales of sellers will be given prizes for selling prize winning tickets and no separate draw will be conducted for the same. The seller will claim their prizes on the basis of invoice issued to them, having prize winning number in that invoice

5. **METHOD OF DRAW**

The following prizes shall be given on the basis of the draw, to be conducted by Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries in accordance with the method prescribed against each prize.

Rank	No of Prizes	Method of Draw
1st Prize	10	One number of four digits shall be drawn without series (Number will be common to all series)
2nd Prize	10	One number of four digits shall be drawn without series (Number will be common to all series)
3rd Prize	100	Ten number of four digits shall be drawn without series (Number will be common to all series)
4th Prize	100	Ten number of four digits shall be drawn without series (Number will be common to all series)
5th Prize	2000	Two hundred number of four digits shall be drawn without series (Number will be common to all series)

6. **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF THE DRAW**

The draw of this weekly lottery scheme will be held once in a week on every Saturday. The draw of the scheme commencing from 07.10.2023 at 6.00 PM onwards, at Ludhiana. The said date of draw, time and venue can be changed by Director, Punjab State Lotteries.

7. **PAYMENT OF GST AND OTHER TAXES**

Further any tax on lotteries imposed by the Central Government/ State Government from time to time shall be borne by the distributor or as decided by the Government.

8. **DISTRIBUTOR OF SCHEME**

M/s Bigstar G Services LLP, a Limited Liability Partnership firm is the Distributor to sell and market the lottery tickets of said lottery scheme, having its registered office at Rodalee Apartment Flat No.G 2, Zoo Narengi Road Guwahati, Kamrup, Assam 781024 and branch office at Ground Floor, No 7, 1743/ B-465, Pooja Complex, Street No 3, Ishwar Colony, Dhandri Khurd, Ludhiana, Punjab 141010.

9. **PROCEDURE FOR ISSUE OF TICKETS AND DEPOSIT OF SALE PROCEEDS**

i. This Scheme for selling of lottery tickets has been allotted to the Distributor as per the terms and conditions of the tender and the agreement signed between Distributor and State Government.

ii. The Distributor will sell the lottery tickets through their network of Stockists in the State of Punjab and other lottery operating/permitted States in India. A detail of Stockists has to be submitted by the Distributor in the office of Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries. Director, Punjab State Lotteries has the right to cancel the Stockist-ship of any Stockist appointed by the Distributor, if that Stockist is found doing any illegal activity.

iii. The Face Value of the ticket will be Rs 4.24 /- (MRP – GST-Discount) for each ticket.

iv. Tickets will be issued to the Distributor on the face value.

v. Face value of the issued tickets will be deposited in the consolidated fund or Public ledger account.

vi. The Distributor shall get delivery of tickets at 100% face value of issued tickets.

Or

The distributor shall get delivery of tickets on following terms: -

a. At least 25% of the face value of issued tickets is adjusted against "Purchase Advance" deposited by the distributor.

b. Rest of the 75% amount of face value shall be adjusted against Bank Guarantee/FDR etc. mortgaged/pledged (at the time of tender) in favor of the Director, Punjab State Lotteries, Chandigarh. Validity of the bank guarantee/FDRs should remain valid for sufficient period. However, distributor will have to deposit 100% of face value on or before the date of draw.

vii. The tickets shall not be issued to the Distributor if they fail to settle the accounts of any previous lottery scheme within stipulated period.

viii. The request for sending tickets by post as received in Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries shall not be entertained and the tickets shall not be dispatched to the individual customer from Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries.

ix. The tickets shall be issued to the distributor as per the procedure laid down in condition 9 (vi) above. Any amount paid less by the distributor/agent shall be charged interest @18% p.a, for the delayed period.

x. In case of shortfall in purchase advance and security deposit the difference amount should be deposited by the distributor, before lifting of tickets.

10. **UNSOLD TICKETS**

The Distributor shall have to intimate the list of unsold ticket numbers through special messenger/email or in writing duly signed by the authorized signatory or registered post which should reach the Office of Directorate Punjab State Lotteries, before the draw, or at such time as directed by the Director failing which all the tickets issued to the Distributor shall be considered, to be deemed to be sold and the Distributor shall be liable to pay the value of all such tickets.

The Distributor shall have to submit the actual unsold tickets within 90 days from the date of draw. On the basis of some valid reasons only period of submitting the actual unsold tickets can be relaxed by the Director.

However, if any lottery ticket claimed by winner out of list of unsold tickets declared by Distributor, then liability to pay that prize amount will be of the Distributor. An amount upto 2 times of total MRP of these tickets or as decided by the Director Lotteries may be imposed on the Distributor who will submit the wrong detail of unsold tickets.

11. PAYMENT OF PRIZES

1. All the prizes above Rs. 10,000/- should reach the office of Director, Punjab State Lotteries, Vit te Yojna Bhawan, Plot No. 2B, Sector 33-A, Chandigarh 160020 or received by the officer/official on the prescribed form within 30 days from the date of publication of the result in the Punjab State Government gazette either personally or through a nationalized bank or by registered post or by insured parcel.
2. The payment of the prizes above Rs. 10000/- or as the case may be shall be made by the State Government after deducting TDS as prescribed in the Income Tax Act 1961, as applicable from time to time.

3. The prizes up to Rs. 10,000/- will be paid or disbursed by the Distributor to the winners as per scheme on behalf of the State Government.
4. The prize money which remains unclaimed within the time specified in The Punjab State Lotteries Rules, 2015 shall become property of the State Government and no claim shall be entertained/ allowed thereafter.
5. In case the prize winners' claim does not reach this Directorate within 30 days, then Payment of Prizes will be made as per the time limit specified in the Punjab State Lotteries Regulations Rules 2015 and other relevant/applicable law.

12. **PRINTING OF TICKETS**

i. Printing of tickets will be done by the Office of Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries. Distributor will convey the number of tickets required to be printed as per the market condition.

ii. Distributor has to sell minimum 90% of the printed lottery tickets of the scheme as desired by him for printing. If distributor fails to sell less than the specified limit then printing charges for the differential number of tickets is to be recovered from the Distributor.

13. **LEGAL JURISDICTION**

The legal jurisdiction of this lottery shall be only at Chandigarh.

14. **OTHER IMPORTANT CONDITIONS OF THE SCHEME**

i. The draw for the prizes shall be held out of the total scheme.

ii. TDS on all kind of prizes, wherever applicable, shall be deducted at source, as per Income Tax Act.

iii. Publicity of all the lottery schemes in Print Media shall be done by the Distributor at its own level on behalf of Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries. However, the approval of list of newspapers and design of advertisements shall be taken from the Directorate before being published. The Directorate shall have full right to make any changes in this regard. All Expenditure of publicity in Print media shall be borne by the Distributor. Publicity in Electronic Media shall be done by the Office of Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries at its own level. However, the Distributor can also do publicity through electronic media subject to the approval of the Director, Punjab State Lotteries.

iv. Result publication of all the lottery schemes in different newspapers will be done by Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries on DAVP rates approved by the Government. Selection of newspapers will be done in consultation with the Distributor. Expenditure incurred on publication of results will be reimbursed from the Distributor.

v. GST imposed by the Government of India on Lotteries shall be borne by the Distributor.

vi. Distributor(s)/ Sub Agents and sellers are advised to check the correctness of the printing and numbering of the tickets before selling and buyers should also check the same before purchasing tickets. Defective tickets should not be sold to the public, but should immediately be returned to the issuing authority.

vii. A ticket, which is forged, torn out, mutilated or tampered with, shall not be entertained.

viii. Prize shall be paid on the production of original tickets only.

ix. Prize winning tickets holders abroad shall be paid in Indian currency as per scheme.

x. One ticket shall be eligible to only one prize viz. The highest prize drawn against it.

xi. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Principal Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Department of Finance shall be final and binding.

xii. Before submitting the claim, results may be checked with the Punjab State Government Gazette.

xiii. The request for sending the tickets by post as received in the office shall not be entertained and the tickets shall not be dispatched to the individual customers from office.

xiv. It will be the responsibility of the Distributor to follow the guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time. Paper lottery shall not be sold through any online mode.

xv. The provisions of 'The Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998', 'The Lotteries (Regulations) Rules 2010', 'Punjab State Lotteries Rules 2015' and GST Rules shall be applicable.

xvi. No Draw shall be conducted on the National holidays viz. Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti.

xvii. Distributor has to submit the receipt/challan for the amount of GST deposited in the office of Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries within 30 days from the date of deposit.

15. **AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME**

The Government may at any time amended/ delete/ modify/ relax any of the provisions of the Scheme in exceptional circumstances without assigning any reasons(s).

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